

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 18, 2005

Chairperson Timothy Hutter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on August 18, 2005 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Bob Fuselier
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

Members present represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Pete Drinkwater
Sherry Miller
Lee Ann Lardy
Reggie Angquico
Steve Cummings

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Collins motioned that the minutes for the month of July 2005 be approved, Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE - T. Hutter

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter stated that his idea was to determine whether or not the committee wanted to formulate formal guidelines for correspondence coming out of the

committee and have it reviewed by the entire committee prior to being sent out. Mr. Hutter asked if all agreed it could be scheduled as a motion item for next month and in the interim basic written guidelines could be formulated as to how correspondence should be handled.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes said that the Fly Friendly Program is making good progress. County Staff has been working on materials for the Pilot Outreach and has approved the final draft of the Fly Friendly logo. Posters, fliers and signs will be finished soon. The committee will work with the local FBO's, other airport businesses and flight schools to distribute posters and flyers. Ms. Reyes thanked Steve Cummings for his assistance. The Community Outreach sub-committee is drafting language for presentation to the community at large for their portion of the program. The script will include essential facts regarding Palomar Airport, the Fly Friendly Program, who works and benefits from the airport as well as it's history, the Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedure, and reminds everyone to attend the monthly PAAC meetings. The committee hopes to present this message to as many Homeowners' Groups as possible, beginning in October. This same script will be used for press releases. Other aviation groups at the airport have agreed to support the committee's efforts. The committee plans to meet next week to finalize their drafts and the PowerPoint display. She stated that their current budget is \$2,000.

Ms. Gail Carroll of Mariposa in Carlsbad asked for some direction in getting the fliers ready and available for September Homeowners' Associations (HOA) newsletters.

Ms. Reyes said that hopefully her committee would be able to get their materials together and the rest of the dialogue before October.

Mr. Gordon Seeler of Oceanside in Ocean Hills suggested a baseline be established to track the success of the Fly Friendly Program and expressed safety concerns about planes leaving the airport on mornings when the marine layer was thick. He also wanted to know if the planes were on VFR or VMC.

Mr. Scott Kube of Sea Bright Community on Merlin Drive said that since Father's Day of this year, planes have been consistently flying over his house. He found that planes have been flying over at 220 (degrees) instead of the recommended 250 (degrees).

Mr. Hutter said that based on their last sampling 83% of the planes flying out are complying with the Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP), a small percentage of flights deviate due to safety or clearance procedures leaving 10% not in compliance with the voluntary procedures.

Mrs. Kay Rosa of the Sea Bright area said that on August 17th less than five minutes passed between flights flying directly over her home.

Ms. Reyes said she understood Ms. Rosa's frustration and that it had not been an unusually heavy day for flights and asked if there were any new Air Traffic Controllers in the tower.

Ms. Sherry Miller replied that there is new tower management and that we need to inform them about the Fly Friendly Program and our noise sensitive community.

Mr. Tom Lundquist of Merlin Drive asked how the 83% of departing traffic was measured.

Mr. Cummings replied that Palomar Airport gets radar feed from Camp Pendleton.

Mr. Collins said that the 83% statistic quoted is from the Fly Friendly Program and that the committee was trying to establish a baseline of compliance. A record sampling was taken from three weekends in September 2004, to try and measure the compliance to the program.

Ms. Janet Abrahams of Turnstone Road in Carlsbad asked if there was a criteria for over-burdening the runways and if the Air Traffic Controllers know that it causes excessive noise and possible safety issues.

Mr. Collins replied that the Air Traffic Controllers have a criteria for separating departing flights for safety reasons, which at times entails them instructing pilots to deviate from the 240 recommended track of the Fly Friendly Program.

Ms. Abrahams asked if it was a question of economics that a certain number of planes needed to leave each day.

Mr. Collins re-iterated that it was a matter of safety. It is the second busiest airport in the United States with a single runway.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LOKER AVE, INDUSTRIAL LOT – L. Lardy

Ms. Lee Ann Lardy reported that as a part of the transfer of the conservation easement for the area on the other side of El Camino Real the County intends to advertise a proposal to have a long-term lease on property that is part of the airport. A long-term lease would be similar to the 55-year leases for property at Gillespie Field. A committee will go through the proposals, which will be judged, by the proposed writ, the applicant's ability to perform and other factors. There may not be a firm deadline for receiving proposals due to several vacancies at the Carlsbad Oaks Industrial Park where the property is located.

Mr. Hutter asked if there was a set window for accepting and considering proposals.

Ms. Lardy replied that at this time the County was trying to leave it open although in the past they have had a set window.

Mr. Hutter asked where the rent income would go.

Ms. Lardy replied that it would go to the Airport Enterprise Fund.

Mr. Gates asked if there were any restrictions on the use of the lot.

Ms. Lardy responded that the zoning would have to be approved by the City of Carlsbad, the industrial park's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's), airspace considerations and ALUCP documents would need to be complied with. The lease can be defined further because it is an airport lease. Ms. Lardy said that the Airport Manager, Airport Engineer and Airports Director would evaluate all improvements within the lease and report on their progress soon.

PART 150 UPDATE BY URS – S. Miller

Ms. Miller reported that the draft version two of the noise compatibility program report was submitted to the FAA for administrative review on May 10, 2005. The FAA has requested a 60-day review period. FAA comments were received on July 27, 2005. Draft version three is being prepared incorporating FAA's comments and will be submitted to the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC) for review and comment. Draft version three is scheduled for delivery to the PAAC in late August or early September. A presentation regarding the noise compatibility program is scheduled for the September 15th PAAC meeting. Numerous comments regarding the noise compatibility study and compliance with established flight tracts have been received via e-mail from residents in the vicinity of Palomar. These comments will be included in Draft version three of the Noise Compatibility Program Report.

Ms. Reyes asked if there would be one more public review as a presentation to go out to the public after the draft is complete.

Ms. Miller believes that all the public comment that has been received has been incorporated into the report and that there will be no more public meetings.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

Mr. Cummings provided his monthly operations report for July by giving a power point presentation. (A copy of the power point presentation is available on the County website.)

Mr. Cummings also reported that noise complaints had dropped substantially from 221 in June to 137 in July adding that there were single persons who left multiple complaints. He reported that there were a lot of concerns regarding the area of Merlin Drive. He pointed out that he regularly clears his voice mail message box. If a voice mail or email is received during the day, he handles them immediately. Large portions of the complaints are received during the weekend, which quickly fill up his voicemail.

Mr. Cummings gave a power point presentation on over flights near and over Merlin Drive based on a large number of complaints from that area. The presentation showed

that, based on specific dates and times, that over 95% the aircraft in question were following the recommended headings out of Palomar Airport.

STAFF REPORT – S. Miller

Ms. Miller gave a power point presentation on the new fire fighting equipment and reported that the Airports Division has ordered the new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) equipment to be based at Palomar Airport. The cost is \$602,000 and estimated delivery is in 2006. Currently, our ARFF service is provided by a contract with Rural Metro, whose service has been good.

Ms. Miller also reported that Landfill Unit One is doing fine. Landfill Unit Two, which Western Flight is on, is scheduled for repairs within the next two weeks and Landfill Unit Three, which is at the end of the runway, will be refurbished in the near future

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

The Part 16 complaint was dismissed by the FAA in total. In addition, the Airports Division received FAA funding to build the north side ramp and the project will be started in November 2005.

Mr. Drinkwater reported that Fred Borelli, the current operator of the temporary restaurant, is currently considering his options regarding temporary food service. Mr. Drinkwater was concerned that the continued absence of food service business may cause people to turn to other sources for food, which may decrease the business of a re-opened permanent restaurant. The matter should settle out over the next few weeks with a decision from Mr. Borelli.

Mr. Christensen asked about the status of the Airport Manager search and was told by Mr. Drinkwater he should have information regarding the appointment by the next meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Vice-Chairperson Hutter said that other than the standard items they would move over the correspondence issue. It will not be a motion item but it will be a discussion item.

Mr. Collins said the Noise Compatibility Program should be a discussion item. Mr. Hutter agreed.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced an annual jet preview being held at Western Flight on Thursday, September 15th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and invited everyone who would like to come.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Ramona Finnila, Chairperson